



Southern Lehigh School District Board of School Directors Meeting

November 9, 2015

The first regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Directors of the School District of Southern Lehigh was held at 7:40 p.m. on the above date (November 9, 2015) at Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley, PA.

PRESENT: McLoughlin, Parsons, Dimmig, Hayes, Lycett, Merkle, Quigley
ABSENT: Gunkle, Lindsay
OTHERS: Christman, Millman, Lewis, Kennedy, Bergey, Buchman, Jordan, Malinchek (MCall), Sinkler (SLEA), and 55 other members of the community.

OPENING PROCEDURES

Dr. McLoughlin led the Board and others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Quigley and **2nd BY** Parsons to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting as distributed to all Board members.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Gunkle, Lindsay

VISITORS

Visitors were acknowledged by Dr. McLoughlin and speakers' comments are listed after New Business items.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY Quigley and **2nd BY** Parsons to approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as follows -

Approve the bills to be paid list dated November 9, 2015 showing paid bills in the amount of \$1,839.67 and bills to be paid in the amount of \$1,011,492.27 for a total amount of \$1,013,331.94 for the General Fund; and bills to be paid in the amount of \$37.63 for the Capital Reserve Sinking Fund; and bills to be paid in the amount of \$152,179.63 for the Construction Fund;

The Administration recommends approval of the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report for the month of September, 2015;

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year-

Julie Rubel, PK-4

Alexandra Mantz, Social Studies 7-12

Corinne Salter, General Science 7-12

Michael Yoder, Social Studies 7-12

Rebekah Zanders, Emergency Permit 06

Kathy Smith, Elementary K-6; Special PK-12;

Approve the FMLA leave of the following staff-

Margaret Hines, Grade 6 Math Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, September 14, 2015 through December 14, 2015;

Approve the following substitute staff (*pending receipt of required documentation*) for the 2015-2016 school year-

Jennifer Meaney, Substitute Instructional Assistant, an hourly rate of \$16.01

Jennifer Opdycke, Substitute Custodian, an hourly rate of \$15.07;

Approve unpaid leave of the following staff-

Amy Wilkins, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, December 17 and 18, 2015

Veronica DeBlois, Licensed Personal Care Assistant, Southern Lehigh Middle School, November 17, 2015

Lisa Dickinson, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, December 3, 2015;

Approve an unpaid externship under the supervision of Erik Malmberg, Coordinator of Network and Information Services for the following Lincoln Technical Institute students who are required to complete 90 hours of work beginning November 1, 2015-

Daniel Kunkle

Matthew Kelleher;

Accept the resignation of Kathy Smith, Instructional Assistant, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, with an effective date to be determined once a replacement has been identified;

Approve the following staff (*pending receipt of required documentation*)-

David McRae, HVAC Maintenance Technician, an hourly rate of \$30.68, effective date to be determined. Mr. McRae will fill the position due to the resignation of *Sean McKenna*;

Approve the appointment of Thomas Seidenberger, Assistant to the Athletic Coordinator (Winter), a stipend of \$3416.66 for the 2015-2016 school year;

Approve the following coaches for the 2015-2016 school year-

Matthew Swartz Jr. High Boys' Basketball \$5056

Shawn Sommons MS Head Boys' Basketball \$4136;

Approve the following volunteer coach for the 2015-2016 school year:

Chelsea Rivenbark HS Winter & Spring Track.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Gunkle, Lindsay

CURRICULUM/STUDENT AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

MOVED BY Quigley and **2nd BY** Parsons to approve the student trip request of Southern Lehigh High School Mandarin, High School students to participate in an education trip to China, from June 12 through June 23, 2016.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Gunkle, Lindsay

Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School Building Report

Mr. Sean McGinty, Assistant Principal, provided a video presentation highlighting the use of 1:1 student Google Chromebooks introduced this school year.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

SUPPORT SERVICES

PERSONNEL

MOVED BY Quigley and **2nd BY** Lycett to approve the retirement of Alison Kaplan, Elementary Teacher, Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School, effective end of business day November 19, 2015. Mrs. Kaplan has been a district employee for 15 years.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Gunkle, Lindsay

MOVED BY Quigley and **2nd BY** Lycett to approve the (*pending receipt of required documentation*) the following certificated staff-

Rebecca Seidenberger, District Elementary Gifted Teacher, Master’s +15, Step 7, an annual salary of \$65,144 (pro-rated), with an effective date to be determined. Mrs. Seidenberger will fill the position created with the retirement of *Amanda Cossman*.

Alexandra Lojewski, District Elementary Music Teacher, Elementary Music Teacher, Bachelor’s, Step 14, an annual salary of \$47,807 (prorated), with an effective date to be determined. Ms. Lojewski will fill the position created with the retirement of *JoAnn Lindauer-Schneider*.

Erica Groendal, Special Education/Biology Teacher, Southern Lehigh High School, Master’s, Step 14, an annual salary of \$59,007 (pro-rated), with an effective date to be determined. Ms. Groendal will fill the position created with the resignation of *Mary Prudente*.

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Gunkle, Lindsay

REPORTSPolicy Committee

Minutes of today’s meeting will be posted on the website.

LCTI

Mr. Quigley reported that an Open House will be held next week.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Christman reported the following-

- The fall sports season has ended with much Southern Lehigh pride and congratulations to the following:
 - Girls soccer team-Colonial League and District XI AA Champions
 - Boys cross country team-Co-Colonial League Champions
 - Girls tennis team-Colonial League Champions

- Superintendent/Parent Communication Council met on November 2 and topics of discussion included:
 - District Emergency Preparedness
 - Hopewell Elementary School Update
 - Winter Weather Procedures
 - Traffic improvement plans
- High school fall play, “The Miracle Worker”, will be performed November 12-14
- The entire Superintendent’s Report is available on the district’s website.

OLD BUSINESS

MOVED BY Quigley and **2nd BY** Parsons to approve a second and final reading of the following revised policies-

#123 Programs: *Interscholastic Athletics*

#218 Programs: *Student Discipline*

VOICE VOTE: “YES” – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Gunkle, Lindsay

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNICATIONS

VISITORS

Mr. Mike deCastro, Center Valley, PA, addressed the board regarding student safety.

Mr. Chris Schell, high school senior and swim team co-captain, thanked the board for their support of the swim team program.

Mrs. Mary deCastro, Center Valley, PA, addressed the board regarding a swim team issue.

Mr. Christopher Coccossa, Coopersburg, PA, addressed the board in support of the swim team program.

Mr. Michael Anderson, Coopersburg, PA, addressed the board regarding a swim team issue.

The Board took a brief recess at 8:25 p.m.

(Mr. William Lycett left the meeting at 8:50 and returned at 8:51)

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Quigley and **2nd BY** Lycett to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE: "YES" – Unanimous – Motion Carried

ABSENT: Gunkle, Lindsay

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

PENDING APPROVAL

ATTEST: *Diana S. Millman*, Board Secretary